Diplomatic Relations With South Africa

5835. KUMARI UMABHARTI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government propose to re-establish full diplomatic and trading relations with South Africa;

(b) if so, by what time and the conditionalities thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) .In there is closely monitoring the developments in South Africa. A decision to start diplomatic relations with South Africa will be taken once we are convinced that the process of dismantling apartheid has become irreversible.

Regarding trade relations, the Commonwealth Summit in Harare in October 1991 decided that 'economic sanction, including trade and investment measures, should be lifted when appropriate transitional mechanism have been agreed which would enable all the parties to participates fully and effectively in negotiations. India is a party to the above decision.

Rice Production

5836. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the Integrated Programme for Rice Development (IPRD) has succeeded increasing rice production in the Estern States, particularly Orissa, Bihar and West Bengal:

(b) the increase in rice production in these States during last three years; and

(c) Whether the programme is being continued during the Eight Five Year Plan also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) . The Integrated Programme for Rice development (IPRD) implementation in Eastern states has helped in increasing the production rice during the trienniumending 1984-85 to the triennium ending 1990-91. The rice production increased from 40.95 lakh tonnes to 56.18 lakh tonnes in Orissa, 44.49 lakh tonnes to 64.18 lakh tonnes in Bihar and 69.94 lakh tonnes to 106.40 lakh tonnes in West Bengal. The increase in these States during the last three years over 1987-88 was as under:-

Orissa:	17.94	to	28.03	lakh tonnes.
Bihar	17.38	to	19.42	lakh tonnes.
West Bengal	11.64	to	16.52	lakh tonnes.

(c) The programme is proposed to be continued during Eight Five Year Plan also.